

# *The Blessed Hope!*

***“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”*** –(Titus 2:13)

## *Diamond & Nugget #7*

Get ready for the Second Exodus, as **Pattern = Prophecy**. For many it will be a nail-biting experience, a memorial moment, but the reality has precedent, meaning it has happened before. Many archaeologists' claim that the Exodus never happened and not based on evidence, but rather largely on its absence. They assert that we've combed the Sinai and not found any evidence of the mass of millions of people whom the Bible says were there for 40 years. That assertion is simply just not true.

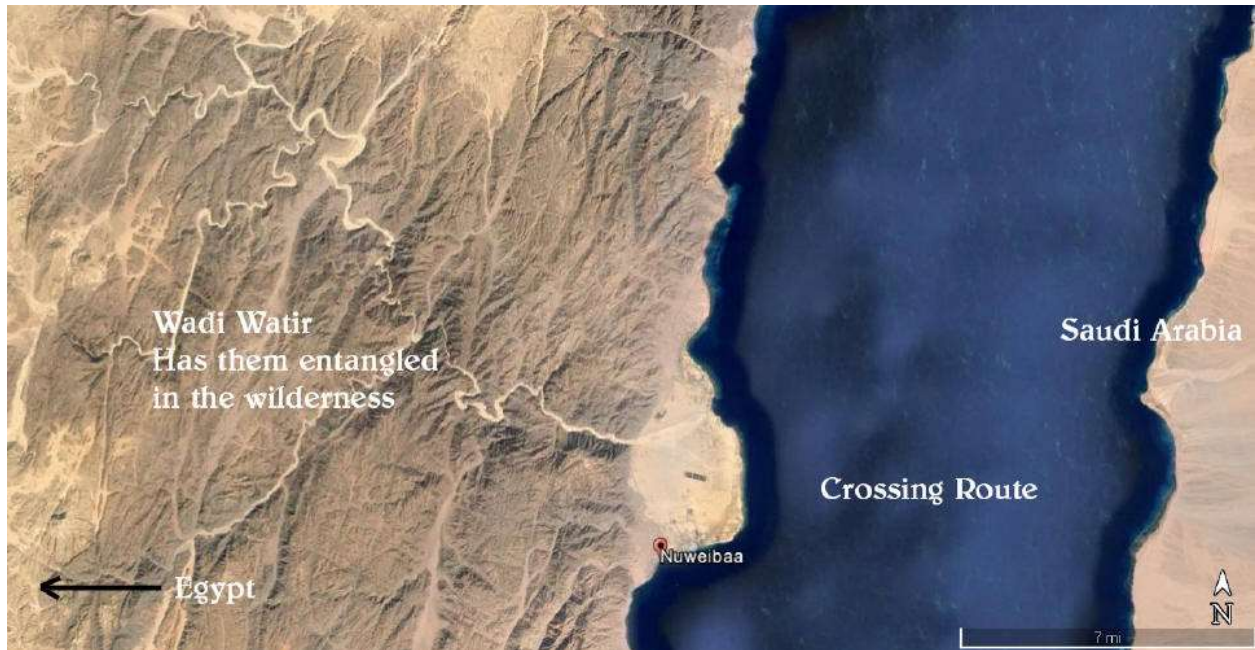
There have not been many major excavations in the Sinai, and we most certainly have not combed it all. Moreover, uncovering objects buried 3,200 years ago is a daunting endeavor. Last September I read a report about a vehicle that had been lost in the 1973 Yom Kippur War was recently uncovered under 16 meters—that's 52 feet—of sand. Fifty-two feet in 40 years!

Many secular Egyptologists and archaeologists deny the evidence because they insist that the Bible places the Exodus in the 13th century BC. In fact we agree there is no evidence of the exodus in the 13th century BC. But what has become abundantly clear is that they are looking in the wrong century!

Evidence for the Exodus is far more abundant than most Christians know. In 2001, Dr. Lennart Möller published his book, *'The Exodus Case'* today it is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. The book *'The Exodus Case'* deals with the biblical texts from Abraham to Moses as we normally look at ancient documents. That means that the approach is that there is something from ancient times that was written down that is related to something people at that time experienced. Twenty year ago the book was expensive at \$40 a copy. It was a huge book, 84 chapters, 450 pages, 740 full-color pictures. On the next page is an Egyptian chariot wheel filmed on the bottom of the land-bridge beneath the surface of the Red Sea at Yom Suph (means Red Sea) at the crossing point Nuweibaa.

The crossing point is eleven miles wide, 260-meters deep and below the surface there is a land-bridge a half-mile wide, with a gradual walking slope on each side. The depth of the water drops off to a depth of 5,000 feet to the north, and to 8,000 feet to the south of the land-bridge. Even with the presence of a land-bridge, a miracle event had to have occurred since the depth of the sub surface water at the land-bridge crossing is

260-meters, or around 850-feet deep. I'm drawing on memory here since my copy of Dr. Moller's book is in a Rubbermaid container in my basement; I am unable to do steps. Dr. Moller was an oncologist researcher at the Karolinski Institute in Sweden.



A coral encrusted chariot wheel lying on the floor of the Red Sea land-bridge that separates Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The Egyptian government prohibits removal of artifacts and requires all findings be turned over to the Antiquities Department of Egypt.



Above – This impressive view is an overlook of Yom Suph, where the Israelites crossed the Red Sea (from right to left). This would have been the view of Pharaoh and his army descending the Wadi Watir. All of us would admit that two million people - 603,550 males and their families, as the Torah describes - should have left some remnants that we would find. But so few of us ever thought that this number was historical anyway. Someone calculated long ago that if that number of people were marching, say, eight across, then when the first ones arrived at Sinai, half of the people would still be in Egypt!



***“But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.” – (Exodus 14:16).***

For centuries this passage among others was a stumbling block to belief and faith. I began pastoral ministry as a college student in June, 1965. For almost 40 years we had zero proof to confirm the Exodus was a historical event. Not so today!

<b>The 7 Geographical Yam Suph Verses</b>	
<i>Verses not directly connected with the Exodus route</i>	
<b>Exodus 23:31</b>	And I will set thy bounds [of the Promised Land] from <i>Yam Suph</i> even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river...
<b>I Kings 9:26</b>	And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of <i>Yam Suph</i> , in the land of <b>Edom</b> .
<b>Jerem. 49:21</b>	The earth is moved at the noise of their [the <b>Edomites</b> ] fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard at <i>Yam Suph</i> .
<i>Verses directly connected with the Exodus route</i>	
<b>Num. 14:25</b>	Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley. To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of <i>Yam Suph</i> . (in the context of <b>Canaan</b> )
<b>Num. 21:4</b>	And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of <i>Yam Suph</i> , to compass the land of <b>Edom</b> : and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.
<b>Deut. 1:40</b>	But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of <i>Yam Suph</i> . (in the context of <b>Canaan</b> )
<b>Deut. 2:1</b>	Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of <i>Yam Suph</i> , as the Lord spake unto me: and we compassed <b>mount Seir</b> many days.

President Donald J. Trump and the DoD announced on May 12/13<sup>th</sup> “Operation Jump Start” and Rapid USA, to produce 500 million prefilled syringes to be mandated for a vaccine for every man, woman, and child in the U.S. by the end of this year or early 2021. The particulars of this plan to give everyone a vaccine, is a stark reminder of what the Book of Revelation speaks about with the “Mark” of the Beast. There are a number of legislative actions planned, and clearly they are confirmation of a coming “Police State.”

I consider Pharaoh’s present-day counterpart or nemesis to be none other than the image of the world’s deep pockets for the Eugenics movement to be our threat – cofounder of Microsoft William Gates. The Lord revealed to Moses that the pursuing chariots would meet total disaster as they charged across the bare seabed. Instead of achieving Pharaoh’s purpose of bloody massacre, they themselves would all lose their lives, along with their horses and chariots. The Egyptians would learn for the final time that the God of Moses was more powerful than all the deities of Egypt. Thus He would demonstrate before Israel and all the Gentile nations that He is the invincible, almighty Sovereign of the universe.

Exodus 14:19-20 record the manner of this judgment upon the chariots of Pharaoh. The first step was the shifting of the pillar of cloud from the east in front of the Hebrews to

the west in front of the Egyptians. Instead of serving as a heavenly guide for the Israelite host, it settled down directly in front of the charioteers, creating a fog so dense that they could hardly see their way or be sure that they were even on the highway. This meant that the pursuers had to cease their progress and settle down until the pillar had lifted.

The second step was the parting of the waters of the sea and the drying out of a wide pathway for all of the traffic and the flocks and herds that the Hebrews were taking with them. This was set in motion as Moses followed God's instructions and raised his staff in faith, in response to which a powerful sirocco wind swooped down upon Yom Suph and pushed the waters apart so that the seabed became exposed and proceeded to dry up. The fierce heat removed their moisture and afforded safe passage for the livestock, the wheeled vehicles and all of the Hebrew families. After the entire night was devoted to the performance of this miracle, enabling the entire host of 2.5 million to surge across the wide path between the piled up waters of the sea held back on both sides, to the north and to the south, they seized their opportunity with all possible haste until they were safely on the other side.

These next verses -(Exodus 14:24-25) relate the vain attempt of the pursuers to follow the same path across to the eastern shore. Quite naturally, they assumed that if the Hebrews could manage it, so could they. But soon after they had charged halfway across, they found to their dismay that the thin chariot wheels, ideally adapted to rapid pursuit, were incapable of advancing any farther because they started to bog down in the seabed and could not make any progress, nor could they even withdraw to the western shore which they had just left. In panic, they began to cry out, ***"Let us flee from the face of Israel, for Yahweh is fighting for them against the Egyptians!"*** They became aware too late that they could not prevail against the mighty God of Moses. Keep this in mind as we draw closer to our Exodus from the clutches of Satan's minions. It's always the darkest of the day when morning light appears!

Dr. Moeller spent summer vacations diving off the waters at Yom Suph. His book is a encyclopedia of evidence confirming that the Exodus did, in fact, take place. I well remember the apathy and lack of interest at the time of its release. As spectacular was the findings, it did not generate much of a stir of interest at the time. I was at the time managing a Family Christian Book Store and pastoring a small church. I was struck as much by the lack of interest as I was with what was published in the book. After all, the greatest deliverance of the Old Testament came in the Exodus, no small event, even for Almighty God!

Since Dr. Moeller's book came out, it is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> expanded edition, and surprisingly more evidence by others researching the miracle of the Exodus. Every now and then I think about Moses and what he was facing. Panic and despair gripped the Israelite host as they looked behind them and saw the fearsome regiments bearing down upon them. Just as they had lost all hope prior to the beginning of the ten plagues, these demoralized victims of a century of enslavement could do no better than conclude that Moses' praises were worthless. Even in Exodus 5:22, when they were ordered to

produce the same quota of bricks per day while having to cut their own straw for their assignments, they bitterly turned upon Moses as a bungling troublemaker.

#### Hebrew Verbs Applied to the Exodus Sea Parting

Ref.	Strong's #	KJV	Hebrew	Definitions
Ex. 14:16	1234	divide	<i>baqa</i>	split, cleave
Is. 63:12	1234	dividing	<i>baqa</i>	split, cleave
Ps. 78:13	1234	divided	<i>baqa</i>	split, cleave
Neh. 9:11	1234	divide	<i>baqa</i>	split, cleave
Ps. 136:13	1504	divided	<i>gazar</i>	cut in two
Ps. 74:13	6565	divide	<i>parar</i>	to break, violate
Is. 51:15	7280	divided	<i>ragah</i>	stir up, disturb, act in an instant
Is. 51:10	2717	dried	<i>kharav</i>	dried up
Josh. 4:23	3001	dried	<i>yavesh</i>	dry up
Ps. 114:3,5	5127	fled	<i>nus</i>	depart, take flight
Ex. 15:8	6192	gathered	<i>'aram</i>	heaped
Ex. 15:8	7087	congealed	<i>qapha</i>	thicken, curdle

They failed to trust God's promises in the light of hostile circumstances, and all they could do was to rail at him for making their hardships even greater than they were before. They were very slow to believe that Moses was truly in touch with God and had received commands and promises that would lead to their complete liberation. Unhappily, this continued to be their characteristic behavior whenever distressing situations arose during their wilderness wanderings.

Finally, at Kadesh-Barnea, they even rebelled against God Himself and threatened to kill both Moses and Aaron before they turned back to return to Egyptian bondage. From this persistent trait of unbelief in the face of hardship or danger, we need to learn the foolishness of complaining or bitterness or despair whenever our own lives are fraught with difficulties. No matter how menacing the trial may be, we must always remember that every promise of God is to be unreservedly trusted on behalf of his people who have entered into a covenant relationship with Him.

We need to be steadfast in our conviction that our Lord God Almighty is to be trusted just as truly in the darkness as in the light, and that He has a wise and loving purpose for us in the midst of any affliction that may come upon us throughout our earthly career. Moses' courageous response to this denunciation on the part of his people was, ***“Do not be afraid. Stand firm and see the salvation of God which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again.”*** In the face of the military helplessness of his unarmed followers, he could assure them that God would destroy all the Egyptians before their chariots could reach them. Then as he turned away from the howling mob, he looked up to his Lord for orders as to his next move. The answer he received was to hold up his shepherd's staff once more

(even as he had done during all of the ten plagues) and bid the waters of the sea to part before them, and affording safe passage to the other shore -(vs.16). Not one of them would be lost as they made their way across. ***“There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.”*** -(Psalm 91:10). Jesus promised the believer something special and it should be of great encouragement as we see what is in store for everyone, not just Americans ***“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*** -(John 10:28). I solicit your prayers for one of my classmates, Joy Chin, a Christian from Beijing, China. Joy and her husband co-pastored several home churches in secret. As Americans we often forget our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus all around the world. In China alone, there are more Christians than there are Americans in the U.S.

Most people have broken promises for various reasons, but our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the Definitive Keeper of the Promise. He will not leave nor forsake you. The Apostle Paul always seemed to have the right words for the right occasion. Romans 15:4 is one of those times, ***“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”*** And so, we keep watch for “The Blessed Hope!” I have no doubt that it will be equally spectacular as was the first Exodus! ***“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”*** -(Philippians 3:12).



In the larger scope of the Bible, **Pattern = Prophecy**, as a parent you probably have made a point by repeating your intended message, but each time saying it slightly different or saying it in a way to drive home something important in your point! This is what I am referring to here in this term of **Pattern = Prophecy!**

<i>You Say... God Says...</i>		
<u><i>You Say</i></u>	<u><i>God Says</i></u>	<u><i>Bible Verses</i></u>
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all you needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	II Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you.	Hebrews 13:5

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At the top of page 4, “Imagine that! The Son of God himself bends over from His lofty throne to speak a word of praise to a band of faithful believers on the earth! I would dearly like to be one of them. Wouldn’t you?”

I was not doubting the destiny of my soul, but rather speaking to the element of time as it relates to the Rapture. I am well past the time allotted by Psalm 90:10: ***“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”*** Only the Lord knows how I will go, ***“Harpazo”*** or ***“Thanatos”***.